

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Adinolfi Votes for Federal Protections for State Service Members**



HARTFORD – Representative Al Adinolfi (R-Cheshire) today voted in favor of legislation before the House of Representatives that gives to National Guard members whom the governor orders into state active service, such as riot control and disaster response, the same protections two federal laws give to service members in federal active service, except those pertaining to life insurance. The laws are the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and Service Members Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

USERRA provides reemployment rights and protections for members returning from serving in the armed forces. SCRA provides rights and protections to people in active-duty service. It addresses such issues as interest rates, rental and lease agreements, eviction, health and life insurance, mortgage foreclosure, civil judicial proceedings, and income tax payments.

Representative Adinolfi, a Korean-Era Air Force veteran who serves on the legislature's Select Committee on Veterans Affairs, and a co-sponsor of the bill, spoke on the floor of the House in favor of the legislation.

“Those guard members who are activated domestically by the Governor deserve these same considerations and benefits,” said Adinolfi. “In the times we live in now, a domestic deployment can be just as treacherous and life-threatening. Those in the state guard who are deployed for domestic events will be eligible for those benefits as well under this bill.”

The bill, *SB 314, An Act Extending Federal Protections to State Service Members*, was previously passed by the state Senate. It now heads to Governor M. Jodi Rell for her signature.